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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 53.2 degrees, 3.3 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 17, 2005. Precipitation averaged 0.12 inches, 0.67 inches below normal. Modified growing degree days were 53, 8 points above normal.

Reporters rated 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, April 15, 2005. Days suitable for field work is up 3.7 days from last week and 2.9 days above last year. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2005	5.7	2.0	9.2
2004	2.8	0.7	5.0
2000-2004 Average	1.9	2.5	6.8

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	5	84	11
Last Week	0	0	56	44
Same Week Last Year	0	1	60	39
2000-2004 Average	0	3	60	37

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 17

Warmer temperatures and dry conditions have allowed producers to start spring field activities: corn planting, tillage, spraying, fertilizer and manure spreading. Other activities included top-dressing winter wheat, sowing oats, cleaning up fields and roads.

As of Sunday evening, 9 percent of the State’s corn acreage has been planted compared to 3 percent last year and 3 percent for the five-year average. Forty-eight percent of the State’s intended oat acreage was planted compared to 28 percent last year and 36 percent for the five-year average. Oats emerged at 3 percent is the same as last year, but 10 points below the 5 year average. Twenty-one percent of the winter wheat acreage is jointed, compared to 20 percent last year and 24 percent for the five-year average. Sixty-three percent of Ohio’s apple trees are at the green-tip stage, slightly above 2004, but 2 points below the five year average of 65 percent. Apples in full bloom at 3 percent is the same as 2004, but 8 percentage points behind the 2000-2004 five year average at 11 percent. Sixty-four percent of the peach trees are in green tip compared to 49 percent in 2004 and 62 percent for the five-year average. Peaches in full bloom are at 12 percent compared to 5 percent last year and 25 percent for the 2000-2004 average. Potatoes planted is 26 percent for the current week, up from 14 percent in 2004.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Winter wheat acreage continued to green up last week as temperatures rose. Ninety-five percent of the winter wheat acreage is rated in fair-to-excellent condition. Hay and pasture land are rated in mostly fair-to-good condition with grass rapidly greening up due to recent warmer temperatures. Ninety-eight percent of the apple crop and 88 percent of the peach crop is rated as fair to excellent condition. Livestock conditions are 82 percent good to excellent.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 17

Crop	2005	2004	2000-2004 Avg	Previous Week Ohio	U.S.
Apples in green tip and beyond	63	62	65	23	NA
Apples blooming	3	3	11	NA	NA
Corn planted	9	3	3	NA	NA
Oats planted	48	28	36	10	43
Oats emerged	3	3	13	NA	NA
Peaches in green tip and beyond	64	49	62	20	NA
Peaches blooming	12	5	25	NA	NA
Potatoes Planted	26	14	10	1	NA
Winter Wheat Jointed	21	20	24	7	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 17

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	1	20	66	12
Previous Week	0	1	27	55	17
Previous Year	0	2	23	64	11
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	28	57	10
Previous Week	1	6	32	52	9
Previous Year	1	5	28	58	8
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	15	66	16
Previous Week	1	3	19	64	13
Previous Year	1	3	19	64	13
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	27	54	10
Previous Week	3	11	32	47	7
Previous Year	1	6	31	53	9
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	9	3	19	57	12
Previous Week	3	6	28	43	20
Previous Year	0	2	25	63	10
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	19	55	21
Previous Week	1	4	23	55	17
Previous Year	1	4	21	59	15

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 17

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	51.4	2.9	0.06	-0.72	0.56	-1.37	47	9	125	53
North Central	50.4	2.1	0.21	-0.60	1.49	-0.51	43	6	116	46
Northeast	49.1	1.8	0.00	-0.85	1.90	-0.26	41	6	103	35
West Central	53.5	3.6	0.13	-0.73	1.04	-1.12	52	8	135	50
Central	54.8	4.2	0.14	-0.67	1.38	-0.78	58	11	150	56
Central Hills	52.1	3.3	0.04	-0.77	1.41	-0.77	49	8	125	45
Northeast Hills	51.0	1.8	0.01	-0.76	1.52	-0.61	47	4	120	34
Southwest	56.1	4.3	0.24	-0.62	1.27	-1.03	59	8	153	50
South Central	56.2	3.7	0.18	-0.51	1.75	-0.14	63	4	165	43
Southeast	54.8	3.8	0.16	-0.59	1.66	-0.40	61	10	154	48
STATE	53.2	3.3	0.12	-0.67	1.38	-0.71	53	8	136	47

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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